

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
EUROPEAN BIOLOGICAL CONTROL LABORATORY

AND

THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, GREECE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

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The United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, European Biological Control Laboratory, hereinafter referred to as "EBCL," and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as "AUTH, School of Agriculture" and jointly referred to as "the Participants," hereby affirm their mutual interest in and desire to broaden cooperative research programs and exchanges.

The Participants recognize that cooperation is a matter of working together toward common goals of mutual interest, mutual understandings, and efficient administration of cooperative programs. Nothing in this broad understanding is to be construed as interfering in any way with the basic responsibilities and authority of either Participant for independent action.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines in general terms the basis on which the Participants intend to cooperate. Individual projects may be developed between the Participants that outline specific research projects.

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to strengthen the collaborations between the Participants in areas of mutual interest through cooperative research programs and exchanges. To this end, the Participants intend jointly to explore and coordinate research activities of mutual interest which should be implemented by mutual understanding and in conformance with the regulations and policies of both Participants.



ARTICLE II – MUTUAL INTERESTS

The Participants are currently engaged in and have independent interests within the broad scope of crop production and protection, food safety, nutrition, agricultural utilization and bioenergy, organic crops, and natural resources and sustainable agriculture. The Participants intend to encourage and facilitate direct contacts among appropriate institutions and specialists and work toward long-term cooperation in agricultural research and development programs.

Agricultural research areas may be undertaken per mutual decision of the Participants.

ARTICLE III – SCOPE OF COOPERATION

To facilitate the cooperative research effort(s) described herein, each Participant intends to assign such members of its staff to specific projects as may be mutually determined, as well as aid in planning and developing projects of mutual interest.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Each Participant's participation in the cooperative activities under this MOU is subject to the availability of funds, resources, and personnel, and is to be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations of that Participant's government.

This MOU does not create any legally binding obligations between the Participants. This MOU is not intended to, and does not create, any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person. Nothing in this MOU obligates either Participant to obligate or transfer any funds.

All collaborative activities should be mutually determined by the Participants and may be described in, and subject to, individual plans of work delineating arrangements between Participants that are specific for each activity. Individual projects may be developed between the Participants which outline specific research projects. Outlines covering goals and objectives, working plans, research methodologies, and procedures should be prepared jointly. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property among the Participants are to be executed through separate agreements and are to be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Such activities are to be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This MOU does not provide such authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of subsequent written arrangements are to comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

Cooperation under this MOU may commence from the date of the last signature and is expected to continue for five years. This MOU may be extended or revised by mutual determination of the Participants in writing. Requests for major changes should be submitted to each Participant not less than 90 calendar days prior to the proposed effective date. A Participant should endeavor to give the other Participant at least 90 calendar days' notice of its intention to end its cooperation under this MOU. In such event, it is anticipated that the Participants would continue to work together to conclude specific cooperative activities already in progress.

Correspondence and documentation regarding this MOU should cite Agreement No. 58-0212-6-004FM. The Participants hereby designate the following as points of contact for collaboratively administering the activities to be conducted under this MOU:

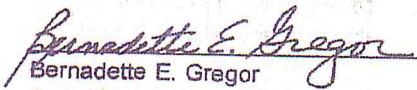
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This MOU is signed, in duplicate, in English and Greek languages.

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